January 9, 2008

Dear Sir,

As a resident of the Village of Barrington, I am deeply concerned with the proposed number of freight trains that Canadian National plans to run through our town. Of my many concerns, the most frightening is the effect that mile long trains will have on the safety of the citizens. How will fire, police and rescue be able to respond to emergencies when the town is virtually frozen in its tracks by the trains that will cross the main roads over and over? A life or lives could be lost in the time emergency vehicles are forced to wait in traffic. How could this be allowed?

Another major concern I have is for the safety of the hundreds of students who walk to school. Their paths will be blocked with alternatives avenues nonexistent. The potential for students to be late for school and/or seek unsafe ways to get to school would increase.

If many more freight trains pass through the village streets during the work and school hours, the town will be gridlocked with neither cars nor school buses able to move to their destinations on time. A residual effect of this would be that shopping patrons would avoid the village shopping districts, leaving the businesses with a potential for much lost revenue.

The Canadian National Railroad needs to provide the town with alternative ways to navigate through town so that our community will continue to thrive.

Sincerely, Denise Landolfi